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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS RENEWS CRITICISM OF USG, SECRETARY KISSINGER

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B. AT 292030Z

1. SUMMARY: LATEST MAKARIOS INTERVIEW RENEWS -- AND EXPANDS -- EARLIER CRITICISMS OF USG, SECRETARY KISSINGER. PURPOSE IS TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON USG AND BURNISH SCAPEGOAT IMAGE FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. HUMANITARIAN TALKS TO RESUME APRIL 4; DATE FOR POLITICAL TALKS STILL UNRESOLVED. AGITATION OVER NEED TO "PURGE" FORMER PUTSCHISTS CONTINUES. END SUMMARY.

2. ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS RENEWED -- AND EXPANDED -- HIS EARLIER
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CRITICISMS OF USG, SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WIDE-RANGING

INTERVIEW WITH SWEDISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, RELEASED
MARCH 29.

3. MAKARIOS OPINED THAT KISSINGER CAN PLAY "SIGNIFICANT
ROLE" IN QUEST FOR SOLUTION TO PROBLEM, BUT RHETORICALLY
WONDERED WHAT KIND OF SOLUTION KISSINGER IS PURSUING. HE
IMPLIED THAT USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT "REALLY SUPPORT" UN
RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS (REASON: OTHERWISE IT WOULD PRESSURE
TURKEY TO COMPLY WITH THEM). ARCHBISHOP SKIRTED DIRECT
COMMENT ON SECRETARY'S SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, BUT ADDED: "I AM
SORRY TO SAY THAT IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS I HAVE NOT REPEAT
NOT SEEN ANY REPEAT ANY BENEFICIAL RESULTS FROM THE DIPLO-
MATIC ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE." IN
RESPONSE QUESTION ON ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN 1974
DEBACLE, MAKARIOS CLAIMED HE HAD NO REPEAT NO "CONCRETE
EVIDENCE." HE REPEATED OLD REFRAIN OF USG FAILURE: I. E.,
USG SHOULD HAVE AVERTED TURK INVASION, OR "AT LEAST"
PREVENTED SECOND TURK ADVANCE.

4. OTHER TOPICS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TALKS. MAKARIOS SAID INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD
"PROBABLY" RESUME IN FEW WEEKS, BUT HE DECLINED PREDICT
OUTCOME IN VIEW TURK ATTITUDE AND EFFORT CONSOLIDATE
HOLDINGS IN OCCUPATION ZONE. HE DECLARED FLATLY THAT
GOC WILL LEAVE TALKS IF TURK CYPRIOT SIDE TRIES TO
PORTRAY GOC PRESENCE AT TABLE AS DE FACTO RECOGNITION
OF SEPARATE TURK CYPRIOT STATE.

B. AID FROM USSR AND OTHER STATES. DISCLAIMING DESIRE FOR
MILITARY AID, MAKARIOS SAID CYPRUS WANTS "MORAL HELP AND
SUPPORT." HE ARGUED THAT ECONOMIC BOYCOTT, POLITICAL
ISOLATION OF TURKEY WOULD FORCE GOT TO WITHDRAW TROOPS
FROM CYPRUS.

C. REFUGEE SITUATION. MAKARIOS REITERATED THAT NO
REPEAT NO SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT
SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE ISSUE. HE WARNED THAT PROLONGATION
OF DEADLOCK COULD LEAD TO "EXPLOSIVE" SITUATION IN WHICH
REFUGEES WOULD COMMIT "ACTS OF DESPAIR."

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D. INTERNAL. ARCHBISHOP AGAIN WARNED UNREPETANT PUT-
SCHISTS THAT HE WOULD "DEAL FIRMLY" WITH THEM IF THEY CON-
TINUE TO ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

5. COMMENT: MAKARIOS' RENEWED CRITICISMS ARE MOST UN-
HELPFUL TO USG POSITION IN CYPRUS. THEY COME AT TIME
WHEN LOCAL GREEK MEDIA ARE BLAZONING STORIES RE WORLDWIDE

COLLAPSE OF USG POLICIES. AS SHOWN ALSO BY LURID REPLAY OF RECENT UNSYG WALDHEIM REMARKS FROM DIE PRESSE, PREJUDICE AGAINST SECRETARY RUNS DEEP. WE JUDGE THAT MAKARIOS REMARKS SERVE TWO PURPOSES: TO KEEP UP PRESSURE ON USG TO PRODUCE "BENEFICIAL RESULT", AND TO BURNISH IMAGE OF MUCH NEEDED SCAPEGOAT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE (REF B) OMITTED MOST CRITICAL COMMENTS RE KISSINGER, CIA; NICOSIA SERVICE (REF A), ON OTHER HAND, PLAYED THEM IN FULL.

6. WE ARE STRUCK BY MAKARIOS' THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM TALKS. HE APPEARS THEREBY TO HAVE GIVEN TURK CYPRIOTS FULL CONTROL OVER FUTURE GOC PARTICIPATION. (POLITICAL TALKS REMAIN UNDECIDED, THOUGH HUMANITARIAN SUBCOMMITTEES WILL RESUME WORK FRIDAY, APRIL 4.)

7. THOUGH GOC GENUINELY CONCERNED BY EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL OF REFUGEE SITUATION, SO FAR WE SEE NO REPEAT NO SIGN IMMINENT DANGER. TO VENT LOCAL EMOTIONS, GOC HAS JUST PARTICIPATED IN ANOTHER WEEK OF DEMONSTRATIONS, MEETINGS RE MISSING PERSONS, REFUGEES. WE EXPECT MORE SUCH GATHERINGS, THOUGH FREQUENCY OBVIOUSLY REDUCES THEIR VALUE AS SAFETY VALVE.

8. QUESTION OF "PURGE" CONTINUES TO ROIL GREEK CYPRIOT WATERS. LEFTIST GROUPS -- COMMUNIST AKEL AND LYSSARIDES EDEK -- ARE OPENLY CHALLENGING MAKARIOS' TOLERANCE OF FORMER PUTSCHISTS. RIGHTISTS CAMP REACTS WITH VENOM TO SUCH ATTACKS. IT CLEAR THAT MAKARIOS WANTS AVOID SEIZING THIS NETTLE FOR TIME TIME BEING, USING MINATORY RHETORIC TO SATISFY (IN PART) HIS LEFTIST SUPPORTERS. END COMMENT.
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